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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh Attorney General Office of Attorney General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: U.S. Department of the Interior offshore drilling plan

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

I am writing to direct you to investigate the U.S. Department of the Interior's plan, announced today, to make Maryland's coastal waters available for offshore drilling. If the Department's proposal could potentially result in such drilling in Maryland's coastal waters, you are hereby directed to commence and prosecute any viable legal claims, actions, or suits against the U.S. government to prevent it.

As you are aware, I oppose offshore drilling in Maryland's coastal waters. Such drilling would create too great a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of Maryland citizens, communities, and businesses.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's proposal ignores the best interests of Maryland's citizens, communities, and businesses. It must be opposed to the fullest extent that is legally possible.

Thank you for your attention to this most important issue.

Very truly yours,

Larry Hogar